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LB 902, 902 A

I don't think they should have any excuse at all for not dealing with this issue, not dealing with this bill, so I urge you not to kill it and to advance it. Aw, come on, Ernie. Let's get it over to the Governor's desk and let him decide what he wants to do so we can deal with it next, so urge you to reject the kill motion.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I had a rather interesting discussion in the hallway just before coming back from lunch with the Director of the Department of Revenue. It seems that the Director of the Department of Revenue needs some dollars this fiscal year if we go ahead and pass LB 902 because it's mandated by law that every retailer will be notified of any change in the collection of sales tax and whether we like it or whether we don't, that includes cost of doing business. I want you to be aware of that as you cast your vote for 902 A kill motion and if you're still supporting 902 itself, to be aware of that when you're trying to push that bill on, which in my estimation 902 should be killed.

PRESIDENT: Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Mr. President, members of the body, I just want to rise to completely endorse what Senator DeCamp has said. The officials of the City of Omaha, in spite of what this letter says, completely concur with what Senator DeCamp has said to you this afternoon. I wholeheartedly endorse the concept of not killing 902 A. Let's not kill it. Let's push it forward and let's get the corrective amendment on 902 and put both of them forward on Final Reading, get them passed so that the final action can be taken by the Governor, for whatever that is, this week some time, and then by Wednesday of next week he can have it. We will at least have had a chance to have overridden the veto if there is going to be one and Wednesday of next week is about the last day, for example, that we can get, we will have rather, to have a final passage of 902 so that the forty one days notices are--there are requirements for notices up to forty days and that forty day notice must be, the bill must be passed by Wednesday of next week in order to get all the notices taken care of. So I suggest that we take care of 902 today. Let's not kill it. Let's just advance it. Let's get 902 amendment, like Senator DeCamp said. Let's amend it in other words, get it over there on Final Reading, get it passed, get it to the Governor's desk, let him take his whatever action he wants to take. From that point forward at least we'll have taken our action by Wednesday of next week. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Merz called for the previous question. Do I see five seconds? I do. The question is shall debate now cease. Record your vote. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 24 ayes, 7 nays on the motion to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Motion fails. Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. President, members of the body, I have a question of Senator DeCamp if he will yield.